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## **Columbus City Council PASSES City Code Revisions**

On Monday, December 15, 2008, the Columbus City Council voted 6-0 to PASS the ordinance revisions adding the following classes to Columbus City Code (chapter 2331): Age, Disability, Sex, Military status, Familial status and Gender Identity and Expression.

Thank you for sending your letters of support to the Columbus City Council and for joining us at the public hearing held on Thursday, December 11, 2008.

Council members Tyson and Ginther co-sponsored this legislation. Mayor Coleman also wrote a letter of support to Council. The Columbus Community Relations Commission (CRC) has been working on this for 4 years under leadership of Commissioners Brian Shinn & Chris Cozad.

Our work is not done. It's only the beginning. Now is the time to get involved in your community. Get involved in GLBTQI and Ally organizations. Show your support. Be a voice for those who don't have one or can't share theirs.

For information about TransOhio, please visit us online at [www.transohio.org](http://www.transohio.org) or email us at [TransOhio@gmail.com](mailto:TransOhio@gmail.com).

TransOhio serves the Ohio transgender and ally communities by providing services, education, support and advocacy which promotes and improves the health, safety and life experience of the Ohio transgender individual and community.

Are you interested in volunteering with TransOhio?

- We are currently seeking planning committee members for our 2nd TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium to be held August 21-23, 2009 in Columbus.
- We're also in the process of expanding our Speaker's Bureau. If you're interested in being a member of the TransOhio Speaker's Bureau, please email us at [TransOhio@gmail.com](mailto:TransOhio@gmail.com).
- We are currently working on an informational booklet called "*Transitioning in Ohio*" - if you're interested in assisting us research and write this invaluable resource, please let us know!
- And more: Including a Partner and Spouse Monthly Gathering, Book group, Unity Picnic, Pride, and lots more!

**Join the Impact  
Statewide Rally for Equality  
Saturday, January 10, 2009  
Ohio Statehouse  
(High/Broad Street)  
Rally begins at 1:30PM**

**For more info:**

**<http://jointheimpact.wetpaint.com/page/Ohio>**

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## Local & National Calendar of Events

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### January 2009

- Thursday, January 1, 2009. TransOhio New Year's Day Gathering (Movie and Dinner), Columbus.
- Tuesday, January 6, 2009, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Gender Discussion Group, 7pm. Columbus.
- Tuesday, January 6, 2009, Gender Program of Central Ohio Support Group (Private). [crane@genderprogram.com](mailto:crane@genderprogram.com) for more info.
- Wednesday, January 7, 2009. TransOhio TG Support Group, 7pm. The Center on High. Columbus.
- Saturday, January 10, 2009. Join the Impact State-wide Rally for Equality. Ohio State House. Columbus. 1:30pm.
- Tuesday, January 13, 2009, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Gender Discussion Group, 7pm. Columbus.
- Saturday, January 17, 2009. The Tranny Roadshow, 7pm. University of Cincinnati. [www.trannyroadshow.org](http://www.trannyroadshow.org) for more info.
- Sunday, January 18, 2009. 3pm, TransOhio monthly meeting at the Center on High, Columbus.
- Tuesday, January 20, 2009, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Gender Discussion Group, 7pm. Columbus.
- Saturday, January 24, 2009. Upside Down Pride. 2pm-10pm. BOMA. Columbus. Benefits Stonewall Columbus
- Tuesday, January 27, 2009, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Gender Discussion Group, 7pm. Columbus.

### February 2009

- Tuesday, February 3, 2009, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Gender Discussion Group, 7pm. Columbus.
- Tuesday, February 3, 2009, Gender Program of Central Ohio Support Group (Private). [crane@genderprogram.com](mailto:crane@genderprogram.com) for more info.
- Wednesday, February 4, 2009. TransOhio TG Support Group, 7pm. The Center on High. Columbus.
- Tuesday, February 10, 2009, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Gender Discussion Group, 7pm. Columbus.
- Sunday, February 15, 2009. 3pm, TransOhio monthly meeting at the Center on High, Columbus.
- Tuesday, February 17, 2009. 7pm. Lecture and reading by John Hemingway at Wexner Center Film and Video Theater. Columbus.
- Tuesday, February 17, 2009, Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Gender Discussion Group, 7pm. Columbus.

### **Are you between the ages of 12-20? If so, this group might be for you!**

Beginning on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 we be facilitating a weekly Gender Discussion Group at Kaleidoscope Youth Center in Columbus. This group is only for those ages between 12-20.

Every Tuesday at 7pm. Open to all GLBTQI youth.

This group is only open to those 12-20 years old. Facilitated by TransOhio.

Questions? Email [TransOhio@gmail.com](mailto:TransOhio@gmail.com) or [angie@kycohio.org](mailto:angie@kycohio.org). For more info about KYC visit [www.kycohio.org](http://www.kycohio.org).

### **TransOhio TG Support Group**

This is a peer led support group that meets at The Center on High (1160 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43201) on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Open to all - FtM, MtF, Cross Dressers, Gender Queer, Intersexed, etc.

Drop-ins welcome! This group is open to all ages. Facilitated by TransOhio.

Questions? Email [TransOhio@gmail.com](mailto:TransOhio@gmail.com) or call (614) 441-8167.

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## The Tranny Roadshow Comes Back to Ohio!



The Tranny Roadshow is a multimedia performance art extravaganza. It is composed of an eclectic group of artists, each one self-identified as transgender, and includes poets, rappers, filmmakers, storytellers, breakdancers, rock bands, comedians, actors, folk singers, photographers, zinesters, and more. Stationary art (i.e. photography and sculpture) is displayed, but most of the presentation is the live show, a unique variety show where the expression of gender and the expression of self are inseparable. The show is a fluid entity, changing to suit the artists and the crowd, but always it is full of intelligence, fun and humor.

Although the Tranny Roadshow is done entirely by transpeople, it is not exclusively for transpeople. It is a raucous evening of entertainment, open and accessible to people of all backgrounds. Most of us are experienced performers, and while our goals do include challenging people and making them think, our most important goals are to entertain them, make them laugh, and make them dance.

Some pieces of each show focus specifically on gender, but many others do not. We are not only trannies, we are singers, filmmakers, dancers, writers, jugglers, etc. And our art expresses many things, of which gender is only one. In the show, we present a wide spectrum of gender identities, a brilliant array of living art, and the ties that bind these identities to our artwork and to the world.

**The Tranny Roadshow**  
**Saturday, January 17, 2009 @ 7PM**  
**University of Cincinnati**

**All ages welcome!**

**For more information, visit them online at:**  
**[www.trannyroadshow.org](http://www.trannyroadshow.org)**

**Performers at the January 17, 2009 show include:**

**Jamez Terry** is a zine-writing, fiddle-playing, story-telling, circus-loving historian and radical tranny boy. He moves as often as possible, in order to keep wreaking havoc in new parts of the world, and is currently living in Farmington, ME. He has published more than 50 zines in the last 10 years with writings that include politics, fiction, poetry, personal stories, and humor, and, in 2003, he co-founded the Denver Zine Library. Jamez

has worked in multiple queer activist settings, providing trans education at conferences, schools, churches, and nonprofits around the country. In organizing the Tranny Roadshow, Jamez has found a way to unite all of the things he loves best - travel, zines, performance art, and queer/trans activism.

**Dallas-Marie Spitzer** has played shows in smoky bars with crowds that much prefer their Pabst Blue Ribbon to her spoken word pieces, and she has even had bottles thrown at her, but she just throws 'em right back. A proud trans-girl and lesbian, she takes a no-holds-barred approach to her music as well as her life. With songs ranging from relationships gone bad to bashing the government, she will give you a piece of her mind on a plate. With the heart of a folk singer and the spirit of a punk, she is the new voice for the younger trans-generation

**Kit Yan** is a slam poet badass and Asian American tranny boy. Originally from Hawaii, but now calling New York home, he brings with him 7 years of performing - from competing on the nationally recognized Lizard Lounge poetry team, to winning the world's largest slam, to skipping class in college to go on tour. He is one half of the Good Asian Drivers, an internationally touring spoken word and music group.

**Adelaide Windsome** fervently builds tiny heads and arms and creates paintings of various creatures and imaginary, yet nostalgic landscapes. Most of this never leaves her floor, but what crawls from the wreckage becomes epic, tragic and delightful stories told through puppets and her ukulele. Adelaide is currently based in Philadelphia where she is an art teacher and street performer and studies street art, activism and public identity.

**Mary Magician** has worked her magic throughout the Midwest, entertaining many different groups of transgendered people. She has dazzled audiences in Atlanta, St. Louis, Milwaukee, and Orlando (just to name a few places) and she first joined the Tranny Roadshow for the 2008 Rocky Mountain Tour. Living in Iowa, Mary comes up with typical Midwestern humor and likes to weave a story or two along with her sleight of hand tricks.

**Ignacio Rivera** is a Queer, gender fluid, Trans- Entity, Black Boricua performance artist, currently performing "Dancer" and "Lagrimas de Cocodrilo/Crocodile Tears" internationally. As a lecturer/trainer, activist and self-proclaimed sex educator, Ignacio has spoken at home and abroad on such topics as racism, sexism, homo/transphobia, transgender issues, trans 101, sexual liberation, anti-oppression, anti-violence, multi-issue organizing and more.

## La Fraternité du Loup-Garou — To Host 5th Annual of CampOUT in West Virginia

This year will be the fifth anniversary for CampOUT. La Garou is on a mission to make it even bigger and better than the previous years. If you have never been, consider this the first year, and start making plans now!

### What happens at CampOUT?

Workshops -Demos -Saturday night ritual - Silent Auction - Meals cooked for you so you can concentrate on having fun! - The fabulous Screw Your Neighbor Auction -Pool Party - Vendors -Dungeon -Community building and growth!

Join us for four days, three nights in the woods with FTMs, MTFs, all kinds of transpeople, and their supporters for our fifth annual CampOUT. EVERYONE is welcome regardless of sex, or sexual orientation; gender, or gender expression. CampOUT is a unique event whose heart lies in both the transmasculine and leather communities. We host a gathering that is conducive for people to explore their gender and sexuality safely. Come to relax and allow for time to slow down. You will find lots of time to have long conversations with old friends and meet new people. We hope you will have fun and be renewed.

Long Fork in beautiful West Virginia will be our host again. They are located in Walton, WV, one hour Northeast of the Capitol Charleston. Their grounds include a pool and spa (where everyone finds themselves eventually), Phoenix club room (dungeon), 5 Cabins, a Lodge (air conditioned), and RV pull through spaces w/hookups. The Event field where most of CampOUT's activities will be taking place has a large barn where dining will happen, an open air pavilion, and stage. There is electricity available on the camping field, but those will be first come first serve.

**What:** CampOUT 2009

**Where:** Long Fork Retreat and Campground, Walton, WV

**When:** July 9th-12th, 2009

**Cost:** Early Bird Special Available NOW until February, 15th 2009 at midnight. Full event (Thurs-Sun): \$125.00 or Weekend Rate (Fri-Sun): \$100.00

### Want to Volunteer?

Things have changed from the previous years, and there is now a volunteer coordinator, Cameron Rodgers.

Important points for people considering volunteering:

- Volunteers pay full price, and get refunded after they do their shifts.
- Volunteers can work as little as 2 hrs, each 2 hr shift completed means a refund of \$15.00.
- Maximum number of shifts per volunteer is 10 shifts for \$75.00.
- Anyone volunteering for Tuesday, July, 7th through Monday the 13th will be refunded in full.
- Volunteers paying the Early Bird Weekend Rate can only be refunded up to \$50.00 maximum.

Here is a list of the Volunteer Areas.

- Kitchen Prep/Serving
- Kitchen Clean up
- Registration Volunteers
- Take money for concessions
- Security

If you have any questions about volunteering please email the coordinator at: [Cameron.kas215@yahoo.com](mailto:Cameron.kas215@yahoo.com) or visit the volunteer web page: <http://lagarou.org/volunteer.htm>

General La Garou Information:

<http://lagarou.org/campout.htm> or email them at: [lagarou@hotmail.com](mailto:lagarou@hotmail.com)

**Plan Ahead! Save These Dates!**

**August 21–23, 2009**

**TransOhio. Symposium. Columbus.**

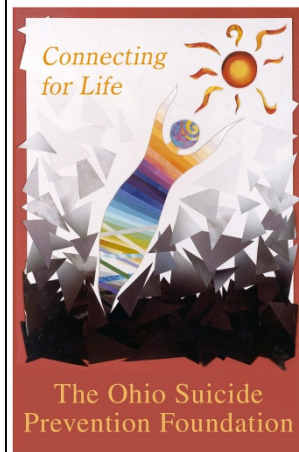
## Suicide Prevention Resources



The Trevor Project operates the only nationwide, around-the-clock crisis and suicide prevention helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. If you or a friend are feeling lost or alone call The Trevor Helpline.

For more information about The Trevor Project, visit [www.thetrevorproject.org](http://www.thetrevorproject.org).

If you are a youth who is feeling alone, confused or in crisis, please call 1-866-4-U-TREVOR. You'll be able to speak confidentially with a trained counselor 24/7.



The Foundation is a catalyst to eliminating the stigma attached to suicide, mental illness, substance abuse and addiction. Suicide is a major public health problem that kills 1,200 Ohioans each year with an average of three deaths per day. Suicide is preventable. Please join the Foundation in preventing suicide, restoring hope and connecting for life. For more information, visit [www.ohiospf.org](http://www.ohiospf.org).

1900 Kenny Road,  
Columbus, Ohio 43210  
1-614-292-8585  
1-800-848-4815 ext. 84480

Feeling Suicidal? CALL 1-800-273-TALK(8255)

### Helping in a Crisis

#### Do

- Reach out
- Ask questions
- Show that you care
- Encourage your friend to talk
- Listen without making judgments
- Talk openly about suicide
- Be positive
- Remain calm
- Ask direct questions: Are you planning on killing yourself? How? When? Where?
- Suggest people you can both turn to
- Know your limits
- Get help
- Act quickly if you think your friend is in danger

#### Don't

- Make your friend's problem sound unimportant\
- Act shocked
- Keep your friend's suicide plans a secret
- Try to take any weapon away from your friend
- Leave your friend alone when he or she is in crisis
- Assume that your friend is simply having a bad day
- Take on the responsibility of your friend's safety by yourself
- Stop being a good friend, no matter what
- Lose patience if your friend tries to reject your help
- Give up hope

Full document at <http://www.helppreventsuicide.org>.

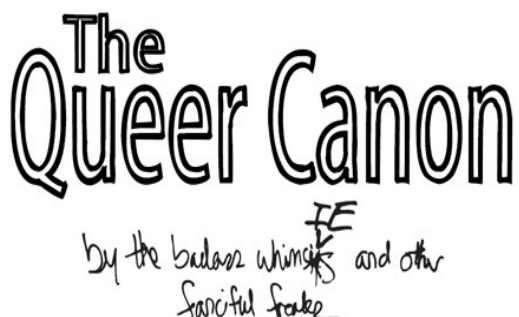


## John Hemingway, author of *Strange Tribe: A Family Memoir*

February 17, 2009 at 7pm  
Wexner Center Film and Video Theater

John Hemingway will read from, discuss, and sign copies of his critically acclaimed memoir *Strange Tribe* (2007), which examines the similarities and the complex relationship between his father, Dr. Gregory Hemingway, and his grandfather, the Nobel Laureate Ernest Hemingway. In particular, the memoir addresses the issue of his father's cross-dressing and sex reassignment and their connection to Ernest Hemingway as well as both men's struggle with bi-polarity. Co-sponsored with the Department of English, the Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities, and the Wexner Center.

For more information, visit: <http://sexualitystudies.osu.edu/events>



The Queer Canon, is the very first queer publication to be created for the University of Cincinnati campus. This first issue is part of a Queer Education initiative which was started by GenderBloc in 2006. The Queer Canon will be published three times a year: September, January, and April.

Submissions are open, just check submission guidelines on the website! You can find it around campus and Cincinnati, or you can download it as a PDF file on GenderBloc's website at <http://queercanon.genderbloc.org>.

## The Stephanie Chaffin Fund

Please consider a donation to The **Stephanie Chaffin Fund** through TransOhio and Stonewall Columbus. This is another symbolic way of keeping Stephanie's name alive. This goal is deemed more meaningful in light of the way Stephanie's estranged and rejecting family chose to have a funeral where she was shown as a man. Your contribution no matter how small will be very welcome. At the end of each Stonewall TG support group meeting, we typically pass around an envelope to collect donations to help Stonewall. Stephanie, whose funds were clearly limited as a result of which she neglected and could not afford to take her heart medication, used to always empty her pockets of the change she had on her, which was at times as little as a few cents. Thus please contribute what you can as Stephanie did. Our goal is to have The Stephanie Chaffin Fund be used for a medical emergency for a transgender person, such as the kind of medical help Stephanie could have benefited from.

Donations for The Stephanie Chaffin Fund can now be made online through the TransOhio and Stonewall Columbus website. To donate to The Stephanie Chaffin Fund, visit <http://www.transohio.org/donate.html>. Donations made to this fund are tax-deductible through Stonewall Columbus.

For additional questions about making donations to The Stephanie Fund, please email us at [TransOhio@gmail.com](mailto:TransOhio@gmail.com).

## Ohio Local Resources

- BRAVO (Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization): [www.bravo-ohio.org](http://www.bravo-ohio.org)
- Columbus AIDS Task Force: [www.catf.net](http://www.catf.net)
- Central Ohio CD Support: [www.crossohio.org](http://www.crossohio.org)
- Chi Lambda Epsilon, a Chapter of Tri Ess (Ohio & Western PA.): [www.triess-cle.org](http://www.triess-cle.org)
- COLAGE: [www.colage.org](http://www.colage.org)
- CrossPort Cincinnati: [www.transgender.org/crossprt](http://www.transgender.org/crossprt)
- Equality Ohio: [www.equalityohio.org](http://www.equalityohio.org)
- Gay People's Chronicle: [www.gaypeopleschronicle.com](http://www.gaypeopleschronicle.com)
- Gender Dysphoria Program of Central Ohio: [www.genderprogram.com](http://www.genderprogram.com)
- GenderBloc: [www.GenderBloc.org](http://www.GenderBloc.org)
- Kaleidoscope Youth Center: [www.kaleidoscope.org](http://www.kaleidoscope.org)
- Outlook News: [www.outlooknews.com](http://www.outlooknews.com)
- PFLAG Columbus: [www.pflagcolumbus.org](http://www.pflagcolumbus.org)
- PFLAG Dayton: [www.pflagdayton.org](http://www.pflagdayton.org)
- SpeakOUT: [www.speakoutcols.org](http://www.speakoutcols.org)
- Stonewall Columbus: [www.stonewallcolumbus.org](http://www.stonewallcolumbus.org)
- The Apothecary Shop: [www.theapothecaryshop.com](http://www.theapothecaryshop.com)
- The Alpha Omega Society: [www.aosoc.org](http://www.aosoc.org)
- The Crystal Club: [www.thecrystalclub.org](http://www.thecrystalclub.org)
- Transcendence: [www.transbg.org](http://www.transbg.org)
- TransFamily of Cleveland: [www.transfamily.org](http://www.transfamily.org)



### Donate to TransOhio!

TransOhio operates under the umbrella of the Stonewall Columbus 501(c)3 status, which makes your monetary donation to TransOhio tax-deductible!

To make an online donation to TransOhio, visit our website at [www.transohio.org/donate.html](http://www.transohio.org/donate.html)

Thank you for your support!

## National Resources

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): [www.aclu.org/lgbt](http://www.aclu.org/lgbt)
- FTM International: [www.ftmi.org](http://www.ftmi.org)
- Hudson's FTM Resource Guide: [www.ftmguide.org](http://www.ftmguide.org)
- Human Rights Campaign (HRC): [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)
- InterPride: [www.interpride.org/12/2008\\_Events.htm](http://www.interpride.org/12/2008_Events.htm)
- Out & Equal Workplace Advocates: [www.outandequal.org](http://www.outandequal.org)
- National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE): [www.nctequality.org](http://www.nctequality.org)
- National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF): [www.theTaskForce.org](http://www.theTaskForce.org)
- PFLAG: [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)
- PFLAG's Transgender Network (TNET): [www.pflag.org/tnet.html](http://www.pflag.org/tnet.html)
- Queertransmen.org: [www.queertransmen.org](http://www.queertransmen.org)
- Tgcrossroads: [www.tgcrossroads.org](http://www.tgcrossroads.org)
- Transster.com: [www.transster.com](http://www.transster.com)
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH): [www.wpath.org](http://www.wpath.org)



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